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“Starting two years ago, we began to restore our competitive advantage and our recent budgets have helped improve readiness and laid the groundwork for future modernization. And we ask with this budget, that you sustain these efforts.” – Gen. Mark A. Milley, chief of staff of the Army

On Point

101st Leaders attend Subterranean Training

The Chief of Staff of the Army has directed that the Army take a look at dense urban environments and dense urban terrain specifically, as it builds readiness to respond to contingency operations in any location around the world. The MCoE teams explained how they analyze all aspects of this environment within mega-cities, to include subterranean systems. The subterranean operational environment, which dates as far back as the American Civil War, continues to be one that is complex and can create significant challenges for today’s Soldier.



Army could select new Future Aircraft

Source selection for the Army’s newest Future Attack Reconnaissance Aircraft, or FARA, is underway and could replace about 50 percent of the Army’s aging Apache fleet.

Soldier recalls serving with Medal of Honor recipient



A Soldier from 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, stands in front of the monument honoring 2-14 Infantry Soldiers who died in service to their nation. Among those names is Staff Sgt. Travis Atkins, who was posthumously presented with the Medal of Honor on March 27.

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FORT DRUM, N.Y. – “He was a selfless leader, a brother and a friend.”

That is how Stuart Hollingsworth remembers Staff Sgt. Travis Atkins, the former 10th Mountain Division (LI) Soldier who will posthumously receive the Medal of Honor during a ceremony March 27 at the White House.

Hollingsworth, a former staff sergeant assigned to 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, had first met Atkins a month before their deployment to Iraq in August 2006. He said that Atkins was originally with another company, but he was needed to serve as a team leader in D Company.

“He was training his previous team for combat, and was such a master of his craft, that he

was able to step into another team leader role and earn the trust of everyone he met,” Hollingsworth said.

“My first impression of him was that this man was very much an authoritative leader. He led from the front and led by example – never asking anyone to do anything he wouldn’t do himself.”

Hollingsworth said that theirs was a tight-knit team, and they developed a bond that would carry them forward into combat.

“Staff Sgt. Atkins was a huge proponent of team camaraderie and unity,” Hollingsworth said. “We would do everything as a team – we moved as a team, trained as a team, ate, slept – everything.”

With that, it was easy to learn everything there was to know about his teammates, and Hollingsworth said that Atkins spoke constantly about his son Trevor. www.army.mil/medalofhonor/

FORSCOM in the news

Lt. Gen. Gary Volesky, I Corps commander, speaks during opening remarks at the I Corps Information Warfare Symposium, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., Feb. 26-27.



A combined U.S. and Israeli color guard presents colors during a closing ceremony for the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense System in Israel, March 25.



A field training exercise demonstration was held March 27, near Tan Tan, Morocco, as part of exercise African Lion 2019. Maj. Gen. Roger L. Cloutier attended.



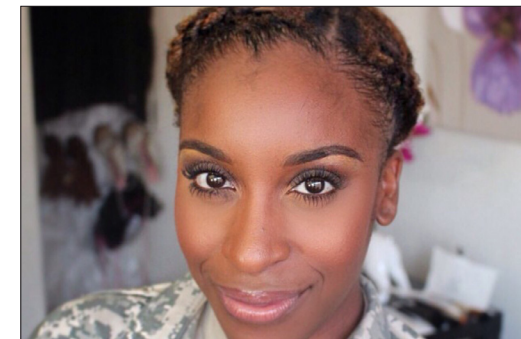
Guest speaker Sgt. Maj. Rebeca Kennedy, 10th Mountain Division G-1 sergeant major, spoke about how women’s history is America’s history, March 27.



501st Soldiers of the 1st Armored Division Combat Aviation Brigade receive their combat patch from their command teams in Afghanistan, March 30.



Meet your Army



Jackie Aina poses for a selfie in her Army uniform. Since leaving the Army Reserve, Aina has amassed millions of followers as an influencer and activist on social media. She’s partnered with numerous cosmetic brands to expand the diversity of shades offered. (Photo Credit: Army Spc. Jackie Aina)

TOP SHOTS

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Left Soldiers of Bravo Company, 143rd Infantry (Airborne) returns fire with a squad automatic weapon during the joint forcible entry exercise at Kelly Drop Zone, San Antonio, Texas, March 23, during a mobility mission simulating scenarios that occur while deployed. (US Army photo by Spc. Jeffery Harris)

Right Tank crews with 1st Battalion 67th Armor "Death Dealers," 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, prepare to qualify at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex, Republic of Korea, March 19, to improve gunnery skills to maintain readiness. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Alon J. Humphrey)



Above U.S. Army combat medics conduct hoist training using an HH-60 Black Hawk helicopter in conjunction with medical evacuation training at Novo Selo Training Range, Bulgaria, March 28 in support of the Atlantic Resolve Mission. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Christopher L. Sikich)



Above A jumpmaster inspects the static line of a paratrooper assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division. The jumpmaster conducted a personnel inspection for Operation Panther Storm March 28, at Fort Bragg's Pope Army Airfield. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Taylor Hoganson)

Left 1st Infantry Division medic based out of Fort Riley, Kansas conduct medical evacuation training at Novo Selo Training Range, Bulgaria, March 28. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Christopher L. Sikich)